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SUBJECT: ELECTORAL DROPOUTS
1. (U) THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) HAS AN NOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING MP'S WILL NOT BE RUNNING FOR RE-ELECION IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION: ERIC BELL-FINANCE MINISTER; RIPTON MACPHERSON-SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; DOUGLAS MANLEY- MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINING (BROTHER OF THE PRIME MINISTER); WINSTON JONES -MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY; KEBLE MUNN (NOT NOW IN THE CABINET BUT HAS HAD SEVERAL PORTFOLIOS PREVIOULSY); UPTON ROBOTHAM; LESLAIE BIRCH, AND MELFORD BROWN.
2. (C) WE HAVE SENT A NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS ON BELL'S MANY ATTEMPTS TO RESIGN AND GO BACK TO BUSINESS LIFE, ALWAYS BEING DISSUADED BY MANLEY. THIS TIME HE IS APPARENTLY SERIOUS. DOUGLAS MANLEY, WINSTON JONES, AND KEBLE MUNN ARE RETIRING FOR REASONS OF AGE AND HEALTH. RIPTON MACPERHSON AND UPTON ROBOTHAM, BOTH HIGHLY RESPECTED ELDER STATESMEN, HAVE SAID THEY ARE RETIRING BECAUSE OF PRINCIPLE- THEY CANNOT SUPPORT THE LEFT IST-MARXIST PATH OF THE PNP. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON BIRCH AND BROWN.
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